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Moving On: A Musical Tribute To 25 Years

Friends and supporters of the New Community Foundation were treated to another sparkling evening of enjoyment by the Orchestra of St. Peter by the Sea, under the direction of Rev. Alphonse Stephenson, on Friday October 2nd. The theme of the evening was "Moving On," a musical tribute honoring the 25th Anniversary of New Community Corporation.

The Mary Burch Theatre at Essex County College created a lovely setting for the fine acoustical orchestra to perform in their unique style. That the conductor enjoys what he is doing is always most evident and adds to the delight and spontaneity of the evening.

The musical choices for this year's concert were based on the simple criteria of "what I like," and included Father Alphonse. As a result it included works ranging from Crazy For You (which won a Tony Award) to excerpts from Phantom of the Opera. Duke Ellington wasn't overlooked either. A very eclectic mix!

A special guest this year was soprano Beret Arcaya, who specializes



St. Rose of Lima Principal, Art Wilson, proudly displays a check for \$20,000. Many thanks to all.

in an 18th century concert repertoire which she illustrated, but who was encouraged by Father Alphonse, with outstanding success, to try a lighter variety just for fun, singing "Our Love Is Here To Stay." The audience was surprised and pleased — a reaction

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Community Service Awards Given To New Jersey Congressional Supporters

Each person in New Community has only one small voice, but when joined together and amplified by a speaker in the proper place that voice can have the effect of a chorus reaching into the far corners of its influence.

The members of the New Jersey Congressional delegation honored on



NCC Director of Human Services, Florence Williams, presides over the awards ceremony as Jack Mullen, Senator Bradley and Senator Lautenberg look on.

October 26th by New Community have listened to the people they represent, taken them seriously and thoughtfully, and transformed their individual voices into a crescendo of fact and service during their terms of office.

U.S. Senators Bill Bradley and Frank Lautenberg, Congresswoman Marge Roukema and Congressman Donald Payne have all been highly supportive of New Community's efforts in economic development, housing and human services.

They are not strangers to New Com-

ting community development and urban concerns. Mrs. Florence Williams, NCC Director of Human Services, told the tremendous crowd gathered.

The honorees were welcomed by Arthur Wilson, President of the NCC Board of Trustees. Ray Codey, NCC Director of Development, needed many county and state representatives attending and thanked New Community Foundation chairman Jack Mullen, vice-president, corporate affairs at Johnson and Johnson, for taking the

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Fred Sanders beams with pride as he presents Congressman Donald Payne with his award.

Unsung Hero Award For Ray Codey

Every once in a while, someone working quietly over the years is "discovered" and has a moment in the spotlight. That is what happened to Raymond Codey, New Community's director of development on October 2nd.

As part of the Annual Meeting of the Center for Non-Profit Corporations the trustees give awards in five categories, including an Unsung Heroes Award. Ray fit beautifully into that spot with the myriad development activities he has participated in since his arrival in 1986, lending NCC to attain national acclaim. Public-private partnerships such as the ones which produced the Pathmark Supermarket Center, Harmony House, the new low-income Jersey City housing and one of the first day care centers in the nation for HIV positive children, have energized NCC's neighborhood development. Ray's leadership, negotiating skills, legal skills and persistence have brought great benefit to many, said Florence Williams, NCC Director of Human Services in her introduction.

Ray is also responsible for NCC's syndicated ownership arrangements, whereby investors contribute funds to low-income housing developments in return for tax credits.

community, having visited here many times to meet our employees, our residents and those who need and use New Community's services. They have written strong letters of support for our many grant proposals and have initiated legislation aimed at suppor-

Mr. Codey generously shares his experience with other non-profits, a gesture appreciated by the Center for Non-Profits.

New Community, recognizing the outstanding, dedicated person behind the joke a minute facade, nominated him for the award.

A sign of his esteem to his colleagues was the arrival of a van filled with his peers to demonstrate a standing ovation as the award was announced. Two of Ray's three children Brendan and Meghan also were able to share his moment of honor. (The third, Erin, unfortunately was home sick being tended by her mother, Peggy.)

We are pleased that this hardworking, humble man received the richly deserved Center for Non-Profit Corporations' Unsung Hero Award.

Continuations!



Ciro Scalera and Martha Golensky from the Center for Non-Profit Corporations congratulate Raymond Codey as Florence Williams looks on.



NCC Employment Center The Long Walk

In these tumbldown times with the economy forcing companies to downsize, relocate, or just plain fold, many of this City's productive and skilled workers have been left filled with uncertainty. Finding the doors closed to viable employment, many are just a step away from joining the ranks of the homeless.

Such was the case with Frederick Sanders, when he was referred to our office by the N.J. State Employment Service. He, like many unemployed individuals wanted to work and knew he had what it took to produce in the work environment. All he needed was a chance to prove himself and it seemed as though that would never happen — until he came to us here at New Community Employment Centers.

During his interview with the counselor, Frederick expressed his sincerity in wanting to work and described how after a year of religiously job searching on a daily basis, he still found himself among the ranks of so many unemployed and nearing the line of homelessness. He gave his word with determination in his mind that he would never fail our efforts to place him in permanent employment or the employer who would give him the opportunity to work. He wanted to be a self-sustaining individual.

A contact was made with one of the many employers who use our free placement services. After his scheduled interview, Frederick walked out into the status of the employed to report for work the following morning.

Approximately three weeks later he received his first paycheck.

During this period, without a dime in his pockets, Frederick had walked from upper Newark to his job as a Houseman at the Ramada Inn near Newark Airport, to rework on time each day at 8 a.m. He then made the long walk home again. Determination you betcha.

During our follow up period, we had

the chance to speak with Frederick's employer, who in turn told us that Frederick was doing a great job and was one of the few she had employed that did so.



Fred Sanders is walking his way towards a better future.

MOVE ONN WHOOPIE! Our hat's off to you Frederick; you are to be commended. You are a man of your words. It was truly a long longinning walk.

UP-DATE: New Community Employment Centers is proud to announce its new and innovative employment and training program for youth, between the ages of 16-19 years old. This program is for high-school drop-outs only. It will last a period of 40 weeks, beginning on December 7, 1992. The program will consist of basic skills/GED, vocational/occupational training, employability-life skills education and on-the-job training and placement. If interested, please call Ms. Harrow at 643-3116 for registration forms and further information. Hurry. Registration closes on November 6, 1992, precisely.

Coming to the New Community Pathmark Shopping Center In November



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Frances Lavalle Enjoys MBE Training

Mailboxes University in San Diego was the site of one of the most intense work study programs in which I have participated. In order to become a successful owner or worker at New Community's new store I spent two weeks of training there.

Mailboxes Etc. franchises of the 90's will provide private mailboxes and office services to individuals and small businesses in the Newark area at its Bergen St. location (see related stories).

A large group of people from all over the United States and also from Milan, Italy, attended the training session. We were taught the basics from purchasing an MBE store to the everyday running of the store. I have never been as excited about anything I've done, from learning to operate a fax machine, cash register, making boxes and making keys, to dealing with all different types of customers.



Frances Lavalle

I look forward to seeing all of NCC and its surrounding area at Mailboxes Etc.

D'Andre Dickens Attends MBE Session

My experience at a 2 week Franchise Training Course at the splendid Mailboxes Etc. University in San Diego, California, was concentrated and rewarding as well as exciting in its location.

Mailboxes Etc. University was officially established in 1989. Its educational programs were consolidated



D'Andre Dickens

take-home exercises pertaining to the subject at hand. We studied a wide range of courses for Mailboxes Etc. including customer service, personnel, packing and shipping UPS, postal services, money orders, Western Union, electronic mailing, telex, computers, accounting and finance, legal, design and construction and purchasing and leasing. Also each group was assigned a marketing presentation, where they were asked to put on a skit in relation to an MBE store just opening up and what they would do to present a grand opening for their store.

At the end of our 2 week training course there was an exam.

I received my Certificate of Completion as a Franchise Manager. Upon completion of 1 week training in an MBE Operating store I received a Masters of Business Certificate as an MBE Franchise Manager.

The experience was one of the most rewarding learning experiences I have received. The Mailboxes Etc. University of Franchise Training developed a lot of personal growth within me that I will be able to take with me in the future. The MBE University provides future MBE franchise owners and managers with the necessary tools to be a successful franchise after a three week course. With Mailboxes Etc. University, you are ready to take on your store and serve your customers.

I would like to thank New Community Corporation for having the confidence in me to provide me with this great opportunity.



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If you would like more information, please contact Lynn Mertz at Fund Development, (201) 482-0682.

under one roof, and the facilities were designed to provide the most sophisticated educational environment in the postal business and communications industry.

We were transported to the MBE University which consists of 4 floors located in a very affluent business center, surrounded by Fortune 500 Companies. We were given a 2 week training schedule outline to follow every day. Classes were from 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. and each class started on time. My class consisted of 80 students which the franchise trainers told us was the third largest class they had in thirteen years. An orientation about the University of Franchise Training began the program. Then we were separated into groups which provided individual franchise members an opportunity to network with one another.

During our training, we were given books, stationery, videos, tapes, and

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 time and initiative to stand in for Msgr. Wm. J. Linder, founder of New Community.

As Mr. Mullen explained, New Community has been such a success here in Newark that Msgr. Linder is in great demand all over the country to both explain our Network of programs and receive honors as a result of them.

Turning his attention to the people being honored he told those gathered in tribute, "These people make it happen. They support your initiatives and your ideas. You come up with the ideas and time after time after the time the two Senators here are the members of Congress — they're the ones that make it all happen."

"We need to support you for all you've done," he finished, thanking the honorees.

Ms. Williams mentioned how New Community had benefitted a great deal "from the support, advice and the community and personal attention of these four outstanding representatives to the U.S. Congress." She mentioned especially the grants for a Center for Training on Bergen Street, a Harmony House Pride Parenting grant and an anti-drug initiative for children 11-13.

Presenting the awards to those being honored were people who had actually benefitted from their efforts.

Ms. Jacqueline Moore, a resident of Harmony House who has completed the Pride Parenting Drug Prevention Training Program had seen Senator Bradley at Harmony House. "Little did we know that visit was going to end in this moment," he said laughing as he received his award. When she faltered momentarily in her presentation he had reached out and taken her hand in encouragement.

Senator Bradley expressed pride in "being associated with an institution and a group of human beings who give so much hope to so many people."

"I believe that the future of Newark and the future of New Jersey is directly tied to the future of New Community Corporation," said Bradley. "I believe that the example of NCC can have a resounding impact across this country...it is right...and its success will bring hope far beyond the borders of this city." He then pledged continued support "for all your efforts, which I consider our efforts."

Senator Frank Lautenberg received his award from Mr. Luis Carrera, a member of the Teen Learn and Earn Program, who did such an outstanding job in his Pathmark job training efforts that he was hired on the spot by Manager Bill Simmons.

The Senator told Luis his speech "came from the heart." In relating to New Community he called it "an act of boldness, an act of courage and an

ing those ripples build the currents that will sweep down the mightiest walls of oppression and resistance."

New Community sends out a million ripples of hope each day, said the Senator. "Your building and current will sweep away the decade of decay and neglect that engulfed Newark and its residents. I applaud your effort."

The third award was given to Con-

tee on Hunger wants to schedule a trip to Newark to take a look at NCC...."

He spoke of the pride he feels when everything is done well with grants received by NCC and reports come back saying NCC is doing things right.

"Some members of Congress think we ought to make NCC a national model and have a national institute here because of various programs NCC has started," he told the audience.

Senator Payne also felt that training is going to be the key to the new administration. As examples of this need he spoke of the fact that it was necessary to go to a foreign country for a bid when looking for someone to build a high speed monorail around Newark. "Now we invented the engine," he reminded people. "Why can't the USA manage to build a high speed train right here?" He noted that our country makes "all the best weapons of destruction" and posed the question of making a better VCR or something to put our energy and creativity into that we can sell to people around the world. "People don't need to buy high tech bombs, B-2 bombers and Sea Wolf submarines. They want to buy VCR's and TV's and new garments and a high speed rail."

He left the audience with the thought that it will begin with the new training center here — to reinvest in our country and our people and turn the country around.

With new vision and new energy he hoped we could send the USA, which has dropped from \$1 to \$9 in wages, back up to \$1 again.

Congresswoman Marge Roukema who was to receive her Community Service Award from Mr. Terry Spicer, President of the Parents Association at BalaCynx III, was ill and could not attend. She has been a strong member of several committees including the education and labor committees which are of vital interest to New Community families and is very supportive of urban revitalization efforts, particularly in Newark and other New Jersey cities.

Congresswoman Roukema will make a visit at another time to receive her award.

The honorees all received tremendous ovations from an appreciative gathering.



Bishop Francis, Senator Bradley, Jack Mullen and Ray Chambers chat prior to the awards ceremony at St. Joseph Plaza.

act of vision that we don't often see...This has become an island of hope and opportunity." He spoke of the training, education and encouragement given here and remembered "how wonderful it was to see parents bringing their children with such joy and confidence" to Babyland and when he was here not too long ago.

The cities must fight back the life of despair said Lautenberg, mentioning his help with Pathmark and education and training with responsible caring people to share their experience.

Senator Lautenberg closed with a quote from the late Senator Robert Kennedy that said:

"Each time a person stands up to an ideal or action to improve the lot of others, or strikes out against injustice he sends forth a tiny ripple of hope. In crossing each other from a million different centers of energy and dar-

gressman Donald Payne by Mr. Frederick Sanders, a newly employed client of the New Community Employment Center (see related story page 2). The Congressman's support for Newark and NCC has been steady since he was a councilman here.

After hearing the employment story of his presenter, Congressman Payne turned to Mr. Sanders and said, "I think I should give this award to you." He then went on to speak of the fine work done by Father (Msgr.) Linder to rebuild the community which is overcoming the usual "bad" news which tends to come from the cities. He spoke again of the help given by Monsignor and Ms. Williams in taking the time to come down and actually testify before the Select Committee on Hunger to present the real needs of urban people.

"Congressmen come to Newark quietly and they take a look at what's going on. The House Select Committee on Hunger will present the real needs of urban people.

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Leadership Development A Priority At New Community

Members of the seventh class of the NC Network Leadership Development Institute are well on their way to graduation. This year's sentimentalistic group is a mixture of men and women from all over the Network, and beyond. NC Extended Care, Security, Maintenance, Home Health Care, Manor Families and Harmony House are on board, along with a Babyland staff member and a Babyland parent, a woman from St. Rose of Lima Parish (who doubles as a representative of St. Rocco School, along with four others), and from the larger community, participants from the Essex County Division on Aging, United Community Corporation, and our resident ethnologist from the New School of Social Research in New York City, who came to observe and decided to stay!

We were thrilled to welcome back Sr. Doris Ann Bowles, O.P., with her communication skills presentations and practice sessions par excellence. She was sorely missed last year! We can boast that all the issues presenters are making return engagements this year. The loyalty, dedication, enthusiasm and cooperation of these wonderful Network supporters is im-

pressive. Sr. Dolores Russo of St. Rose of Lima School and Sr. Catherine Moran of N.C. Human Resource Development presented Qualities and Styles of Leadership. Are we your type, sisters? Madge Wilson of NCC, Babyland, and St. Rose of Lima parish discussed the Network's early history in combination with NC Director of Development, Ray Codey's presentation of its second, third, fourth (and twenty-fifth) stages of development. There were discussions of Leadership in the Home by Emily Ross, assistant Principal of St. Rose of Lima School; and Leadership in the School, by Anthony Decina, of St. Rocco School. Msgr. William Linder, founder of New Community (and of the Leadership Development Institute) presented his vision of the leadership needed for the next twenty-five years.

We boast that this Institute has graduated close to one hundred members since its beginning in 1988. Graduation ceremonies for the Class of 1992 will be held at Commons Senior, 140 South Orange Avenue, on December 10 at 7:00 p.m. Elma Bateman of the NC Board of Directors will be on hand to address the graduates; former graduates and

speakers will be invited back to cheer them on, and there will be a gala holiday party as well.

Mark your calendar now for

December 10, and if you have not already had the enriching experience of the Leadership Development Institute resolve now to sign up in 1993.

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shared by Ms. Arcaya. She is a native of New York City of Norwegian and Venezuelan descent who after a successful acting career has returned to her first love, music and the human voice, with a worldwide concert schedule.

The concert for the New Community Foundation was the first of a packed schedule of 29 performances by the orchestra between now and January 2nd.

John R. Mullen, Chairman of the New Community Foundation Board of Trustees presented Arthur Wilson, President of New Community Corporation and Principal of St. Rose of Lima School in Newark, with a facsimile check (three feet long) representing the gift of \$20,000 from the Foundation to provide seed money for a model program in computer literacy at St. Rose of Lima. Resources from the seed money will fund the program.

Mr. Wilson was also presented with a resolution from the Governor and the New Jersey State Legislature for his outstanding work by Jamie Allen, Student Council President, who did a fantastic job of reading the complicated missive. Tom Hendricks, Student Council Treasurer (he'll take care of that check) acknowledged the students' affection for their principal

and was an outstanding example of the fine results of the St. Rose educational system.

A magnificent display of wine and cheese and delicious desserts awaited those who attended after the concert.

We thank all who support our efforts.



Essex County College President Zachary Yamba speaks with Larry Goldston at the post-concert reception.



Soloist Beret Arcaya performs as Rev. Alphonse Stevenson conducts the Orchestra of St. Peter by the Sea at the Mary Burch Theatre.

St. Rose Mentoring/Tutoring Program

"Great job, you knew all your words today."

"There's my tutor."

"Oh, good, here she comes."

These are the weekly comments heard about St. Rose school halls. For the past three years, St. Rose of Lima School in Newark, N.J. has been the site of a project to attract volunteer high school and college students for a

one-on-one mentoring/tutoring program. St. Rose is a multi-cultural elementary school beginning its 2nd century of service to the people of Newark.

An estimated 20% of school age children have intellectual ability, but have difficulty with school learning, especially in reading. This learning disability is due to many reasons, for example, language spoken at home or lack of parental motivation and parental skills or violence and fear — the typical inner city syndrome of "Children at Risk."

The students are in need of individual help which cannot always be provided by school personnel. Volunteers who are trained to provide tutorial services can make a significant difference in both educational attainment and emotional well being. The tutors are instructed in teaching skills and communication skills by the Master Teacher, Dr. Mary Farrell of Fairleigh Dickinson University and also by Mrs. Emily Rosa, Vice-Principal of Saint Rose of Lima School. The students are instructed in reading skills and homework related areas.

The purpose of the program is multi-faceted:

First - To provide after-school tutoring assistance to grades one through four in order to enhance academic performance.



The thoughtful kindness of others and their willingness to help makes the world a better place to be. Kate Lindaur offers her time to the St. Rose youngsters as her daughter Catherine plays quietly nearby.



Student Council President Jamie Allen reads aloud a resolution from Governor Florio as Art Wilson and Tom Hendricks look on.

St. Rose Of Lima School News

Mr. Dennis Holden and Ms. Geraldine Wise, faculty members from St. Rose of Lima School, were offered 'scholarships' to attend an intensive two day workshop concerning teaching phonics on October 1st and 2nd in Ridgewood, New Jersey. The workshop was offered by the Ridgewood Institute for Professional

cooperative effort for the provision of professional development opportunities between St. Rose faculty, FDU, and the Ridgewood Institute for Professional Development."

The teachers' comments and enthusiasm in telling other faculty members of their experiences certainly gave witness to the program.



Fourth grade teacher Dennis Holden and kindergarten teacher Geraldine Wise discuss ideas and techniques following their two day workshop. Phonetic skills are an important criteria for learning.

Development in conjunction with the school of Education at Fairleigh Dickinson University.

Dr. Mary Farrell, Associate Professor at FDU, made the request for the scholarships on behalf of St. Rose School. Ron Verdicchio, Executive Director of the Institute, was pleased to make arrangements for the St. Rose teachers to participate at no cost. Sister Dolores Russo, Educational Planner and Resource person, feels "that this is just the beginning of a

"wonderful learning experience and I feel the Orton Gillingham approach to teaching is an excellent program. Attending the seminar has enabled me to better serve and understand our children's needs," said Ms. Wise.

Mr. Holden thought "this approach for teaching phonetic skills was very helpful and a great method to use in the classroom."

What a benefit to a solid foundation for the St. Rose students.

Second - To provide interaction between elementary school students and older successful students in order to provide role models for the younger students.

Third - To provide training for High School students in order to achieve tutoring success and to motivate future teachers.

Fourth - To provide an atmosphere that fosters caring relationships where color, age, gender, and economic status knows no limit.

The program has two components. The first involves students in grades 1 through 3 for remedial instructional assistance. The second aspect of the program focuses on Computer Literacy with grade four students.

We are very proud of the 52 tutors from Daberton, Oak Knoll, Mt. St. Dominic's Academy, Ridgewood High School, Seton Hall Prep, Rutgers and Caldwell College who come to help so faithfully.

Msgr. Linder Addresses U.S. House Select Committee On Hunger

On September 30th, 1992, Msgr. Wm. J. Linder, founder of New Community Corporation, was asked to address the U.S. House Select Committee on Hunger.

Before Msgr. Linder spoke, Rep. Tony P. Hall, Chairman of the committee, described the "urban exodus" which in a number of major metropolitan areas across the nation had faced due to a mass exodus of supermarkets from the inner cities since 1970. Newark experienced this after the riots of 1967 and residents were left to pay the exorbitant prices of the small "neighborhood" stores (often with limited selection and inferior quality) or resort to lengthy expeditions by bus or taxi or car pool (75% do not own cars) far from their own homes.

As a result of this harsh situation, Hall told the group, low-income city residents pay about 8.8 percent, or \$350 more for food each year than do residents of middle-income areas, and in some cases pay prices up to 30 percent higher than customers who reside in more affluent communities. Commuting to and from these out of town supermarkets can add another \$400 to \$1,000 to the money spent on food.

Because New Community, a community-based organization, had been able to bring a beautiful Pathmark Supermarket to Newark's Central Ward, Father Linder was asked to share some thoughts with the committee as to their role in eradicating this marketplace problem.

As a Community Development Corporation (CDC) New Community believes that it is building a total community, a part of which is economic development and job opportunities as well as the opportunity to spend one's pay in one's own community. Fr. Linder told the group and described the multi-faceted New Community ventures to them, especially the St. Joseph food services offered by the Priory Restaurant and the Sandwich Shop, which are used to integrate the business community with residents.

He then described the \$16 million Neighborhood Shopping Center which opened July 26, 1991 when Governor Jim Florio was joined by over 1,000 people to welcome the first major supermarket in 25 years, in a market area with 93,000 people within a one mile radius. HUD Secretary Jack Kemp and then Governor Thomas Kean broke ground one year earlier, their presence indicating the importance of the development.

Joining the Pathmark anchor are a food court, Dunkin' Donuts, a print

are now calculated in tonnage, not pounds). Produce is the most popular department, he said.

Exotic foods are managed with feedback from the community, and the **New Community Clarion** allows Pathmark to run special events specific to the community once a month.

Pathmark itself provides employment for 280 people.

Father explained thoroughly the complex financing of the project which involved Prudential Insurance Co., an Urban Development Action Grant, money from the Local Development Initiative Fund of the State of New Jersey; a Community Block Grant from the City of Newark; two loans from private foundations; New Community's own equity; a grant from the Department of Health and Human Services and equipment financing by the New Jersey Economic Development Administration.

The establishment of the store also returned dignity to residents who are no longer ridiculed by people when they use their food stamps and WIC vouchers as they were at suburban stores. Seniors now go shopping every day just for the social activity of being in their store and being able to relate to the young people employed there, as well as to other shoppers whom they know. he continued. Shopping has become fun, truly an activity, a place to be, a community center.

The mechanism to help people in need and support the nutritional needs of women and their children has proven to be the modern Pathmark Supermarket, and it is a **total winner**, he related.

Father went on to tell of the movement of people from moderate income to low income and the growing neglect of our cities. "We need to go back to basics — to neighborhood economic development" — and community development organizations such as New Community are capable of and are what is needed to bring back the revitalization of neighborhoods, piece



shop and Mail Boxes Etc., he told the group. The real estate is owned by NCC which also owns ½ of the Pathmark, he explained. Supermarkets General owns ½ and supplies the management. The best news, he told the group, is that the community keeps ½ of the profits. The four satellites are totally owned by NCC.

He told them proudly that the new supermarket represents a 38 percent decrease in food prices while offering a significant increase in both quality and selection. A fresh fish section was added to the original plan to target the specific food choice of the African-American community (fresh fish sales

by piece and brick by brick.

Good community development makes good economic sense, and CDC's are in a unique position to create cooperative ventures which will return the cities to productivity in our

"We need to go back to basics — to neighborhood economic development..."

Msgr. Wm. J. Linder

society, he told them.

In summation, Father Linder made 9 recommendations to the Select Committee to make CDC's a factor in responding to poverty. **First**, they need core funding; **second**, CDC's need access to seed money at no interest (since they are, sometimes, long-time projects); **third**, there is a need of equity funds; **fourth**, there is a need for secondary financing; **fifth**, there is a need for a public facility financing; **sixth**, there is a need for a land bank program; **seventh**, there is a need for environmental clean up funds; **eighth**, there needs to be flexibility in approaching poverty issues and finally, he asked their support of the legislation devoted to strengthening the community development movement in our nation, that is, the **National Community Economic Partnership Act**.

Father Linder asked that low-income people who are now on the fringe or outside the mainstream of our society be included, if America is to last. "It can be done in partnership by creating lasting changes in our low income neighborhoods," he assured them, and gave Newark's Central Ward as an example. "If you went to the Central Ward today, you would note that it certainly is not the same Central Ward of 25 years ago that you have seen in the newsreel," said Father Linder. "It is now really a new community."

Community Development Research Center Study

New School For Social Research Studies New Community Revitalization Efforts

New Community Corporation (NCC) is a nationally recognized Community Development Corporation (CDC) applauded for its efforts in providing low income housing and a network of social services for children, youth, families and the elderly. As a result of the NCC's success, The Graduate

at as a part of three-year study. The focus of this study is to determine whether community-based non-profit organizations in underserved communities foster positive changes in behavior and attitudes among residents of those neighborhoods.

Established in 1986, CDRC is the first institution to focus exclusively on research and policy analysis in the rapidly expanding field of community development. The purpose of the research is to document ways in which CDCs build community revitalization. The results of the study will be published and used by funders and policy-makers to inform decisions at national and local levels.

The study will use a variety of research methods including ethnography, household surveys and the analysis of archival data such as police and real estate statistics. Analyzing and interpreting the data collected, the CDRC team will assess how CDC activities empower individuals and build strong, caring communities. A comparison site will also be identified of the same ecological and demographic composition as found NCC. The comparison site will be used as an indicator to determine NCC's effectiveness.

Lisa Downing is a member of the research team assigned to NCC. For the next year, you will see Lisa engaged in a range of intensive data collection activities including interviewing NCC staff, residents, and other com-

munity and political leaders, attending formal and informal meetings and tenant associations, participating in neighborhood cleanup events, accompanying property managers on inspections of complaints about needed repairs, etc. She will spend substantial time with her team of NCC staff members in the course of their daily activities and on site at housing units developed and managed by NCC. She

is especially interested in talking with NCC residents about their perceptions of the quality of life in NCC buildings and the surrounding neighborhood.

Lisa's goal is to document the social processes involved in neighborhood revitalization efforts and to learn more about the evolution of NCC through the execution of its past and present programs and policies.

New Community Health Center Pediatric Clinic

New Community Health Center is now open every **second and fourth Saturday from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. for Pediatric Clinic (for children)**. Bring your children for check-ups, camp and school physicals. We will also see toddlers, pre-schoolers and children in need of vaccinations. Walk-ins welcome! Meet Dr. Debbie Johnson (Pediatrician/United Hospitals Medical Center).

To schedule an appointment or call for further information, please contact:

New Community Health Center
St. Joseph Plaza
233 West Market Street
Newark, New Jersey 07103
Phone #: (201) 623-2480

Beryl McMillan, R.N. Patient Care Coordinator



Lisa Downing has the arduous task of compiling various data on New Community.

School of Management and Urban Policy's Community Development Research Center (CDRC) located at the New School for Social Research in New York City, has selected NCC as one of three outstanding CDCs to be looked



BABYLAND HEALTH FOCUS

Why Do Children Need Schedules?

by Lori Colyer-Aversa, M.D.

Before I had my first child I was accustomed to eating on the run, doing my food shopping at 3:00 a.m., rushing out of the house at a moment's notice. That soon changed. Things had to change because the most important responsibilities of being a parent have to do with providing a safe and structured environment. Now I don't mean a rigid, military-like atmosphere without flexibility; I mean a reasonable schedule for waking, eating, playing and sleeping.

Why is this so important? Because, we know from studies and experience that structure, rules and discipline within a loving environment, give children a sense of security that words cannot express. When we are consistent in our words and actions we reassure them that they are wanted, safe and loved.

A regular pattern for living encourages good health and steady growth. Did you know that children

who can't sleep well because of outside interruptions, noise, or irregular bed-time schedules have stunted growth? Children grow at night. A chemical called Growth Hormone is released by the brain during normal sleep, but when sleep is not restful the hormone is not released.

We all know how important it is to eat right. But, did you know that when you eat is just as important as what you eat? Skipping breakfast can make you less effective at work and this is even more true for children. Late dinners means that the body has to work at digesting the meal when it should be resting.

I realize that parents are busier these days because my own life is filled with some of the same madness and mayhem. I also realize that change does not happen over night. But we have to make the effort...to establish a more regular pattern of living...for the sake of our children.

Hispanic Development News: 6th Avenue Base Community Established

We have been meeting with the people of 6th Avenue, listening to their concerns, and mobilizing the area citizens to join in advocating for better living conditions. Thus far we have prioritized concerns into four categories: police/legal, housing, sanitation, and education. The people have signed up to work in areas where they can best contribute their giftedness and we are determined to get others in the neighborhood to join them.

Mrs. Jannette Rivera and Eduardo

Sarrico presented a workshop on their human rights, awakening the community to the fact that if they don't fight back, the area will continue to be lost to drugs, gun fighting, filth and vandalism.

What are we doing? — Planning meetings with representatives of the police, sanitation, education and housing departments. With the assistance of these agencies we hope to initiate a process of cleaning up the area which will have a spiralling and motivational effect on the total community.



Hispanic children's activities are increasing.



Parents are meeting to address their needs.

Meet Our New Receptionist

There's a friendly new voice on the end of the line when you call St. Joseph Plaza these days. Her name is Orlandoa Simmons and she comes to us from the New Community Management office. Orlandoa replaces Frances LaVale who is now working her way up the ladder at Mailboxes, Etc. located in the Pathmark Shopping Center.

A Newark native, Orlandoa had been working at the Howard Savings Bank for about a year and a half when she stopped in to the New Community Employment Center. Through the efforts of Employment Counselor Felicia Holmes (who recognizes a great employee when she sees one), Orlandoa was soon working as a receptionist at the Management office, where she has been for the last 18 months. Eager to climb the corporate ladder, Orlandoa quickly applied for the opening at St. Joseph Plaza. Her employment background and cheery disposition made her an ideal candidate for the receptionist position.

Orlandoa is more than just an employee of New Community, she is a resident as well. For the past year she has resided in NC Homes on Bruce Street. She lives there with her 9 year old son Kevin, who is in the 5th grade at George Washington Carver School and her 2 year old daughter Kierra, who attends Babyland III. When Orlandoa is not chasing after her two children she enjoys reading, playing



Orlandoa Simmons

pool and keeping an eye out for "Mr. Right."

When asked what she thinks of her new position, Orlandoa responded, "I like it over here more because there are more responsibilities and I get to meet more people, which I really enjoy. I also like my new job because I want to further my career with New Community and this is a step in the right direction." It certainly is because the door to opportunity is always open at New Community.

International Seminarists Volunteer At New Community

Two students from Immaculate Conception Seminary at Seton Hall University are doing volunteer work at New Community on Tuesday afternoons this semester. Richard Dowling from Ireland goes to Social Services; Julio Isaac Roman of Paraguay to the Department of Hispanic Development.

Both men live in the Redemptorist Mater Newark Archdiocesan House of Formation in Kearny. This is a international Seminary, one of twenty-

five opened in the last three years in response to Pope John Paul II's call for a new evangelization.

Seventy-five men representing twenty-six countries and every continent reside at the house in Kearny. Each comes from a neo-catechumenate community in his own country. All are preparing to minister as priests where they are needed.

We hope that Richard and Julio will experience needing us and being needed by N.C.C. while they are here.



Immaculate Conception Seminary students Julio Roman and Richard Dowling get their bearings as they begin volunteer work at New Community.

You are invited to join us for the THIRD ANNUAL NEW COMMUNITY NETWORK WOMEN'S RETREAT

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Rev. Joan Parrott, Director of Volunteer Services for the American Baptist Board of International Ministries, formerly of Bethany Baptist Church in Newark, will be our director for the weekend.

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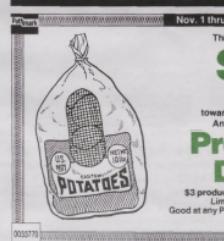


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Priory Hosts International Travel Writers

On Thursday, October 1st, The Priory Restaurant became the first restaurant in the United States to host a luncheon for the World Federation of Travel Writers and journalists, called FLJET (Federation Internationale Des Journalistes et Ecrivains du Tourisme).

The group which made their first visit to the United States writes only on tourism and traveling. They will be

tries representing Western and Eastern Europe, the Soviet Block, the Middle East, Africa, South and Central America.

Although we welcomed them in English, there were interpreters for French and Spanish, their other working languages.

The Priory is a member of Gateway Tourism Council, a group consisting of state and local governments, hotels,



NC board member Newton Richards and Eugene Dilbeck, Director of Travel and Tourism for New Jersey speak to members of FLJET at the Priory Restaurant.

looking at New Jersey from the southern-most Atlantic City region to northern New Jersey, which is in the Gateway Region, to see what our state has to offer visitors from the 40 nations they represent.

All 50 board members of FLJET will be writing and talking about their visit to the Priory in their magazines, newspapers and on radio shows.

It was also the first time that the Priory hosted visitors from 30 coun-

theatres, restaurants, tour operations and others who serve visitors to New Jersey. Visitors to the Gateway Region will have the Priory on its itinerary of interesting places to visit.

Like New Community, FLJET has a brotherhood mission. It provides information and education to appeal to private and national authorities concerned with promoting travel to bring mutual understanding and respect among peoples of the world.

Newark Jazz Festival At Priory

The Annual Newark Jazz Festival will take place between November 14th-22nd in many venues in Newark.

The Priory Restaurant will host the "Jersey Jazz Masters" portion which gives the public a rare chance to enjoy four of the best local Jazz Ensembles on four consecutive evenings.



Kitt Moran



Admission is free, with cash bar, a lite bite or dinner available for purchase.



Danilo Perez



On Monday, November 16th, The Kit And Mike Moran Quartet opens the concert series at 8 p.m. Kit is a super talented versatile jazz singer who loves to act out her songs. Her rich soulful voice is electrifying.

Tuesday's concert begins at 9 p.m. with Damilo Perez Afro-Latin Explosion. Panamanian born Damilo is a master of blending jazz and Afro-Latin idioms. The Boston Jazz Society honored him with its "Most

Security Corner

A Birthday Party Detour

Fred Williams, NCC Assistant Director of Security, and also a member of the South Brunswick Auxiliary Police Force, will receive a commendation from the South Brunswick Police Department for assisting in the capture of a shoplifter.

Williams was enroute to his daughter Jessica's 7th birthday party at the Edison Rollerskating Rink, with her birthday cake on the front seat of his car, when he saw the suspected shoplifter being chased outside of a department store by the store



manager. Williams drove through a nearby residential area until he spotted the individual, stopped and confronted him. Williams persuaded the suspect, who claimed to be innocent of any wrongdoing, to return to the store and prove his innocence. He moved the birthday cake to the back seat to make room for the suspect and they returned to the store, where the suspect's companion was being held.



Fred Williams

The suspect and his companion were both found to be wearing several layers of pants and shirts, still with the store tags on them. They were arrested by Edison Police.

The birthday cake was delivered on time and Jessica's party was a great success.

Officer Of The Month

As opposed to the spectacular, often-times we overlook the qualities of the more quiet, subtle, reliable officer, which in the long run are more effective.

During his employment with New Community, Officer Tolliver has possessed and acquired skill and a thorough knowledge of his job, which he executes with the dependability, responsibility and dignity displayed in his dress and overall approach to his profession.

Officer Tolliver has proven himself to be worthy of the Officer of the Month award, and a credit to New Community Corporation.

(Right) Sgt. Wanda Williams presents S.O. Stacey Tolliver with his award.



Outstanding Musician" Award. He is way out front among the new generation of jazz musicians.

On Wednesday, November 18th, at 8 p.m., "Prism" takes over with Chris White on bass, Oliver Lake, a leader in the Reggae Fusion Group Jump Up, Steve Colson on piano and Michael Garvin on drums. Prism shines brilliantly.

Thursday winds up the concert at 8



Chris White



Jeanie Bryson



p.m. with a grand finale performance by Jeanie Bryson and her quartet of the Star Ledger.

Jazz editor George Kanzler describes her as being extremely talented and classy.

She blends jazz, Latin/Brazilian and main stream pop into a unique style with her strong alto voice.

Incidentally Jeanie appears most Sundays at the Priory during Jazz Brunch between 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Come early, space is limited. For information, call (201) 242-8012.

Bob West And His Minutemen



Brown Bag Day brightens the lives of many. Tastes great, too!

Through rain, snow, sleet, and steamy weather Bob West and his men travel down to the Food Bank every last Monday of the month. No need to remind these men that it's "Brown Bag Day!" With over 1,000 members in the Program in nine different sites throughout NCC, it's very important to have a crew who can be relied upon to pick up the hundreds of boxes and deliver them to the various buildings. Bob's assistants are Edward Abernathy, Hector Aibizu, James Baker, Gerald Moses, and Dene Shogekie.

Every Brown Bag Day the crew heads out in two trucks, bright and early, to begin their long day. Each truck is loaded for one or two sites, the food is delivered to the buildings, and then they return to the Food Bank to load for the next sites. All this is done so smoothly and quietly, without a

hint of complaint. Bob simply stated, "it's all in a day's work."

For those not familiar with the Brown Bag Program, it consists of receiving approximately 10-12 items each month, such as bread, frozen food or vegetables, juices, yogurt, margarine, etc. Each member signs up for a three-month period at a total cost of \$2.25! Where can you find a bargain like that! Needless to say, it is a very popular Program with a waiting list of people ready to sign up when someone drops out.

The Social Services Department could not offer this program if we didn't have trustworthy and faithful Bob and his men. We are very grateful for your generous and wonderful spirit. You make over 1,000 people happy each month.

Sr. Yvette Arnold

Brown Bag Program A Blessing For All

After being coordinator of the Brown Bag Club at Douglas Homes since its inception eight years ago, Grace Chambers has passed the torch to Annette Mutts who will "attempt to fill Grace Chambers shoes." It is a big job, and a responsible one.

The Brown Bag Club operates in conjunction with the Community Food Bank of New Jersey, and provides a

plex; staying in contact with the Community Food Bank; and managing the club dues.

For paying the minimal club dues on a quarterly basis, and doing one fund raiser every year, members receive \$40-\$45 worth of food every month. Such a deal! No wonder the waiting lists at every site are so long!

Sign up today! Possibly your name



Can Annette Mutts (center) fill Grace Chambers shoes (right)? Douglas Homes Manager Wayne Chapman (left) thinks so.

whole grocery bag (at least!) of food to members on the last Monday of every month. Perfect timing for folks who find they have too much month at the end of the money.

Sr. Anastasia Hearne, Director of N.C. Social Services is the choreographer of the entire operation: arranging that New Community drivers are on hand to pick up the food at the Food Bank and deliver it to the distribution sites; working with the coordinator of each building or com-

will roll to the top of the waiting list when the new year rolls around.

New Community Brown Bag Club coordinators: Families Housing - Bertha the Brown, Dolores Collier; Douglass-Harrison - Yvette Arnold; Commons Senior - Marian Simpson; Associate - Rosalie Webb; Garden Senior - Edna Gilliane Roseville - Rose Trodron; Manor Senior - Wyrene Thomas; Douglas Homes - Annette Mutts.

Sr. Mary Ellen Bennett

Home Friends In-Service Marks 8 Years

The Home Friends Program, implemented by the Essex County Division on Aging in October of 1984, delivers much needed chore services to the elderly and disabled citizens of Essex County.

The Home Friends of New Community serves the residents of New Community as well as those in the North and Central ward and portions

attendance. Ollie Mae Barnes, Deborah Garner and Cynthia Wall were recognized for outstanding service.

After the in-service a trip up the Hudson River was in order to celebrate their anniversary.

"Bon Voyage!" were the words echoed at noon as the Spirit of New Jersey glided from the pier at Weehawken.



Home Friends Coordinator Elsie Best (center) speaks at the workshop.

of the East and West wards of Newark.

The In-Service workshop on the morning of October 2nd was a special occasion, marking eight years of service. Elsie Best, the coordinator of the program facilitated the workshop on Confidentiality and Responsibility.

Home Friends Evelyn Cooper and Carrie Hines received certificates for

The Home Friends thoroughly enjoyed the delightful buffet, entertainment and each others company as they cruised up the river.

Congratulations are in order to a group of hardworking, dedicated ladies for another year of a job well done!



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Thanksgiving

"Magnify God With Thanksgiving."

Psalm 69:30

Thanksgiving Day is or should be a holy day of solemn prayer; however, many celebrants observe the occasion with convivial gathering, delicious food, and provocative beverage; while countless needy, ill, and forgotten, sometimes blamed for their condition, try to eke out a meager meal from food stamps or "leftovers." While contentment pervades the economically fortunate it is significant that they pause to thank God for the blessings they enjoy and reflect on those less fortunate who have paucity of life—essentials which seem to increasingly dwindle rapidly away. Existing in dread of impending impoverishment some unfortunate citizens find little cause to give thanks; however, should they take inventory of their lives they may find something for which to be thankful.

Let us give thanks to God by sharing our blessings with those who are less fortunate. Hebrews 13:16 entrusts, "Do not forget to do good and

to share, for with such sacrifices God is well pleased." There may be an opportunity to express thanks to God by providing food to a poor neighbor, a neighbor seriously ill, a senior citizen who has no family (or has been neglected by one). Luke 11:31 instructs us, "...he who has two tunics, let him give to him who has none; and he who has food, let him do likewise." Jesus said, "...inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me." (Matthew 25:40).

This Thanksgiving Day let our attitude be one of compassion and our deeds emanate from altruistic love; and may we give thanks to God for His many blessings, the greatest of which is His Son, Jesus Christ, through Whom those of us who believe in Him and practice His teachings may find eternal life.

Lewis Graves
Springfield Branch
Newark Public Library

Douglass-Harrison Will Soon Be 60

As NCC begins its celebration of 25 years of community development, we stop to reflect on the achievement, knowing that growth involves change and perseverance to overcome the obstacles encountered. The face of the Central Ward neighborhood has changed drastically since NCC was organized after the 1967 riots. The NCC "founding fathers and mothers" could relay many stories of how hard they had to work to see results in community development.

Within this 25th anniversary year of NCC, we anticipate another anniversary—the 60th anniversary of the opening of Douglass-Harrison apartments! In this series of articles in the coming months we will catch some glimpses of its history and its people. Many of the first tenants of Douglass-Harrison, the "founding mothers and fathers," still reside here!

If we look around us, we still see many areas in need of development. Deteriorated neighborhoods, unsafe housing, lack of decent affordable housing for low-income working people—this description applied very much to the social scene of the early 1930's as it does today. There was a tremendous need for housing in Newark back then also. Many areas had become classified as "slums" including the Barclay, Somerset, Montgomery, Waverly Streets area.

It was within this climate that the beginnings of Douglass-Harrison started around 1930 when Prudential Insurance Company purchased these two blocks of property and buildings, which were then demolished. Prudential was urged by public officials and welfare agencies to develop low-cost housing in this area, but found it was not economically feasible unless the City of Newark could see its way clear to locating a neighborhood park on part of the land. The City decided to purchase the central area of the blocks for \$1,200,000 and assumed responsibility for developing and caring for the park. This was the first instance on record in this part of the country in

which a city government cooperated in this manner with private capital.

Prudential, with the assistance of various consultants, made a thorough study for several years covering the most advanced ideas in low-rent housing in both Europe and America. Thus, the architectural design of the buildings made them economical to build and assured minimum maintenance costs afterwards. These two factors along with the purchase of the park area by the City were responsible for the low-income rents that were charged when the first tenants moved into the Douglass apartments on December 16, 1933. The southern block known as the Harrison apartments opened on June 1, 1935.

Management of the Douglass-Harrison complex by Prudential continued until 1985, when it was decided to transfer the property ownership to New Community Corporation. The increasing age of the buildings and needed repairs made it no longer financially feasible for Prudential to manage the complex. With the assistance of New Jersey Housing Mortgage Finance Agency, NCC was able to begin renovations, especially the replacement of all windows throughout the complex—that's a lot of windows! Presently, there is a renovation plan in progress, totalling \$4.5 million, for roof repairs, securing roof ridges and fire escapes, removal of asbestos from pipes in basement, replacement of heat and hot water pipes, installation of domestic hot water heaters, replacement of all entrance doors, and the refurbishing of at least 67 apartments. All this just in time for the 60th anniversary of Douglass-Harrison!

More important than the buildings, however, are the people who reside here. They are the ones who make up Douglass-Harrison. Who are they? In the coming months, we will share their stories and the rich history that is presented right here with us.

Sr. Yvette Arnold

Sedgwick James Presents \$4,000 To Harmony House

On October 8, 1992, Sedgwick James employees presented a \$4,000 check to Jeanette Page-Hawkins, Administrator of New Community Harmony House representing the grand total of



The kind-heartedness of organizations such as Sedgwick James allow us to continue our mission at Harmony House.

funds raised for its homeless families.

The employees held a series of fund-raiser events. They participated in cake sales, a pizza party, a "Jail-A-Thon" and a benefit dinner to raise the grand total.

Sedgwick James' participation took place during the company's "Business American Day" celebration. The day

homeless families and receive the gracious donation.

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New Community Harmony House salutes the Community Action Committee and employees of Sedgwick James.

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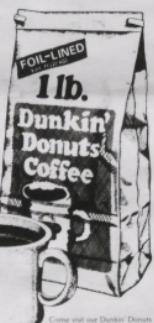
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NJ Bell Honored For Commitment To Education

Recognizes St. Rose Of Lima School

New Jersey Bell was honored for their commitment to education by the Community Foundation of New Jersey, at the Third Annual Corporate Philanthropy Awards Dinner on October 8, 1992.

As part of the tradition for this award, the honoree recognizes as the recipient of the monetary award a particular charity, as an example of an organization that supports what they believe. Mrs. Emily Ross, vice-principal of St. Rose of Lima Elementary School which was chosen by N.J. Bell, attended the dinner and gladly accepted the check from Mr. William Ford, Vice-President for External Affairs and Chief Financial Officer at New Jersey Bell. Says Mrs. Ross, "It was such a thrill to meet so many people from the corporate sector who truly care about those less fortunate and who are actively trying to make a difference. Sometimes I forget this and feel like the teachers and I are in this alone. Tonight reminded me that this is far from true!"

New Jersey Bell has been a longtime



William Ford and Emily Ross

supporter of education and in the forefront of corporations who recognize the value of supporting elementary education as the best way to prepare the next generation.

A Mind Is A Terrible Thing To Waste

"A mind is a terrible thing to waste" is a very apt phrase when it comes to education. A strong and solid educational foundation is essential at an early age. That's why I am very pleased to have the opportunity to shape and mold the minds of our future adults at St. Rose School.

This year I am teaching one of two kindergarten classes, a bit of a change from 4th grade. I feel that children should be given more personalized attention when they are first starting

out. It has been my experience so far that given the opportunity, children can achieve and learn the hardest things quickly. Incorporating interesting, provocative and innovative new ideas into the classroom can bring excitement to learning everyday concepts. Developing and reinforcing a child's mind is a must. Children at any age must be given challenging material in order to prepare for tomorrow's world. Constant home-school ties must be obtained and sustained throughout the educational process.

I'm enjoying the change to younger students; it took a little getting used to, but I'm loving re-establishing my relationship with the little ones.

Instituting positive ideas and attitudes about learning are also important because the child's outlook on how they are going to treat and value an education starts from day one.

I also stress certain things: self control, a positive attitude, and concentration which must be attained in order to succeed. I find when children are told they can do anything if they set their minds to it, they do.

I am looking forward to discovering new things about my students and myself in the months ahead. By working hard to be better today, we can be the best tomorrow.

Sondra Britton
Kindergarten KA-1



Sondra Britton

A Day With An Author

Tom Hendrick, Mrs. Emily Ross and I attended an affair given by the New Jersey Historical Society at 230 Broad way in Newark. It was an award reception to honor Philip Roth, a New Jersey writer who is an ardent user of the Newark Public Library for his research. He spoke on his life and his book, also on his writing technique. His speech was very nice and he let us ask questions.

We also had the time to tour the museum. It was very interesting and had lots of nice things. They gave out one of Mr. Roth's books "Patrimony," which is a true story about his father. They also gave booklets on New Jersey History.

All together, it was a very nice gathering.

Denniqua Holloway, 8th grade

Winter Festival And Auction

On Saturday, February 27th, 1993, Saint Rose of Lima School is holding its first Winter Festival (instead of the Spring Festival).

This festival is not only a night of fun and celebration but it is the major fund raising event for our school and for the social services associated with the school. The night of celebration and

auction gives an opportunity for the New Community network, Babyland, and Saint Rose parents to show appreciation for what we are trying to accomplish at Saint Rose of Lima School.

Save the date, mark it in your calendar, plan to join us — chase the winter doldrums away!

Counselor Available At St. Rose

On October 5th, Saint Rose of Lima School welcomed Mr. William Powell, an outstanding professional in the field of psychology with a masters degree in Social Work. He has worked with the Youth Development Clinic serving children and their families in Newark. Saint Rose of Lima School recognizes the need for a holistic approach to education — a kind of hands-on approach, which offers an academic program, a preventive program, an intervention program, and a support network for teachers, parents, and students.

Mr. Powell will provide the school with on-site counseling services, each Monday during school hours. He will also meet with the teachers after school to help define discipline problems and to establish a reference point for considering solutions for any discipline behavior.

The help is much needed.

It is our hope that Saint Rose of Lima School and the Youth Development



William Powell

Clinic will be the recipient of a grant in order to expand these services.

Something Has Been Added

If you haven't visited Saint Rose of Lima School this season you are missing a real treat. Our flowers are in full blossom in every color imaginable and from Orange Street to W. Market Street we flourish. Our school yard bears a fresh coat of tar and is encircled with a brand new fence. Our inside school walls are creamy and blue and our floors are covered with matching softness.

Our second graders had this to say about the changes (as a writing project):

Ginnie Milord — "I like going to the school of St. Rose of Lima because it



Look what's growing over at St. Rose...flowers and futures.

St. Rose Sponsors Family Retreats

On Thursday, October 1st, 26 mothers and daughters journeyed to Lima Retreat Center for a day of prayer and creative communication sessions.

On Thursday, October 8th, twelve fathers and sons along with Sister Joan Hornick and Mrs. Emily Ross traveled on a pilgrimage to Caldwell's Sisters of Saint Dominic Peace and Justice Center for a day of prayer and reflection.

Both retreat days sponsored by Saint Rose of Lima School were truly beneficial.

The Mother-Daughter retreat was really fun, because of the things we did," said participant Quadriyah Hill. "First we said a little prayer, and then we talked for a little while."

The group then played a game called "Do you love your neighbor?" which brought forth great creativity. After finishing the game, the director, Joyce

Carter, told the group a little about herself.

While the mothers spent some time together, their daughters made finger prints for them and enjoyed some lunch. Later they had time to go outdoors and finished the day by making a collage and singing together.

At the Father-Son retreat, the fathers were introduced to each other by their sons after which they met Father Martin Carter, the retreat master. He was "very friendly," said Jabie Hawkins, a 6th grader. "We saw a video picked by Father and my father loved it," he continued. "We prayed for safety," said solemnly.

Eighth grader Tarie Sanders thought everyone enjoyed the ride and the greeting by Father Carter. After chicken for lunch they all went outside and later saw a video which Fr. Carter talked about.

It was a special day for both groups.